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Van Woerkom announces art and culture grants

Lansing – Three local organizations were awarded grants recently by Michigan’s Art and Humanities Touring Program, Sen. Gerald Van Woerkom (R-Norton Shores) announced today.

“The arts and humanities can open new doors,” Van Woerkom said. “Exposure to music, theater and comedy can touch our hearts and open our minds.”

The Mason County Historical Society, along with Shetler School in Muskegon and the Newaygo County Community Services received a combined total of \$1,632.

The Touring Program awarded a total of \$40,248 to 351 programs statewide. The grants support live presenters such as musicians, storytellers, theater companies, speakers and dancers. The programs are hosted and sponsored by community schools, libraries, museums, festivals, art councils and other nonprofit organizations.

The Touring Program, funded by the Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, consists of a wide variety of cultural programs ranging from school assembly musical performances to library storytellers.

For more information on applying for a grant, visit the Michigan Humanities Council Web site at www.michiganhumanities.org.

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